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SUBJECT: NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING ASSISTANCE

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FOR: U.S. CUSTOMS ATTACHE IN PARIS

1. U.S. CUSTOMS OFFERS TWO TYPES OF NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG TRAINING TO FOREIGN AGENCIES. A THREE WEEK PROGRAM IS OFFERED TO DOG TRAINERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF EXISTING OR PLANNED NARCOTIC DOG PROGRAMS. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TWOFOLD. IT PROVIDES EXPERIENCED GENERAL PURPOSE DOG TRAINERS WITH AN OVERVIEW OF U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING METHODS.  
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IN THE PAST, THIS HAS ENABLED SEVERAL PROFESSIONAL FOREIGN TRAINERS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN NARCOTICS DOGS WITHOUT FURTHER ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE. THE PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION TO ADMINISTRATORS ON THE COSTS AND OPTIONAL USES OF DOGS, AS WELL AS A GOOD PICTURE OF THE PHYSICAL AND PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A SUCCESSFUL NARCOTIC DOG PROGRAM.

2. THE SECOND TYPE OF TRAINING OFFERED IS A 14 WEEK DOG HANDLER PROGRAM. THIS IS A HANDS-ON PROGRAM DURING WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS AND DOGS ARE TRAINED AS A TEAM. ONLY TWO COURSES A YEAR ARE GIVEN WITH FOUR PARTICIPANTS IN EACH

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CLASS. THE PARTICIPANTS MUST SPEAK ENGLISH. NO OFFER OF SLOTS IN THIS PROGRAM CAN BE MADE TO PORTUGAL AT THIS TIME.

3. REGARDING THE REFERENCED TRAINING GIVEN IN SPAIN, THIS WAS ADVISORY ASSISTANCE TO THE GUARDIA CIVIL DURING A HANDLER TRAINING PROGRAM BEING TAUGHT BY THE GUARD'S OFFICERS. SUCH TRAINING ADVICE WOULD BE OF NO VALUE TO AN AGENCY WHO IS JUST DEVELOPING A DOG PROGRAM.

4. U.S. CUSTOMS IS SEVERELY RESTRICTED IN THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE IT CAN PROVIDE BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED TRAINERS AND BECAUSE OF ITS OWN GOALS OF QUADRUPLED ITS DETECTOR DOG CAPABILITY WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

5. THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM IS COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE. A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE RAMIFICATIONS CAN BE GAINED IN THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH

1. BECAUSE PORTUGAL IS JUST BEGINNING TO DEVELOP THEIR PROGRAM, IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT THEY SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE COURSE. THIS IS PLANNED TO BE HELD IN FRONT ROYAL, VA., DURING FEBRUARY, 1978.

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6. PLEASE ADVISE ALLSHOUSE, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, OF CICD DECISION ON THIS MATTER. VANCE

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